industry. The functions of this organization would *inter-alia* include suitable training programmes especially for the secondary small-scale units. The technical and professional institutes of the country would also be required to impart new competencies and capabilities in tune with changes in technology and the needs of globalization.

Coal requirements and its import for steel companies

1324. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal, the steel companies use for their energy need from domestic coal companies;

(b) the quantum of coal imported from other countries by steel companies;

(c) the details of steel companies which import coal for steel production;

(d) the details of countries from which coal has been imported by these companies; and

(e) the details about the quantum and type of coal so imported during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS), (a) The information with regard to private sector steel companies is not maintained by the Ministry of Steel. During 2005-06, the steel plants of the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), a steel producing PSU under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, used 4.95 million tonnes of Boiler Coal for their energy need from domestic coal companies. The other PSU i.e. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) procured 1.54 million tonnes of Boiler coal during 2005-06.

(b) to (d) SAIL imports coking coal from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Indonesia and China. Coking coal is procured from Australia and USA by RINL.

(e) The details about the quantum and type of coal so imported by SAIL and RINL for its steel plants during the last five years are as below

(in million tonnes/rounded off)

Year	Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)		Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)	
	Low ash Hard coking coal	coking coal	Soft coking coal	US coal
2001-02	6.25	243	—	—
2002-03	7.54	2.93	—	—
2003-04	718	2.78	0.10	—
2004-05	8.23	2.47	0.28	019
2005-06	9.34	2.56	0.25	—

Challenges to SAIL

1325. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has to face challenges with POSCO and Mittal Steel's interests in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps SAIL is taking to increase its capacity and lowering the cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the imminent entry of international players like POSCO and Mittal into the Indian Steel Industry, competition would be more fierce, specially in light of the global expertise and new technologies that these companies are expected to bring in. Fruther, it is expected that these new plants would further constain the availability of raw material and infrastrcuture.

(c) SAIL has formulated a Corporate Plan-2012 which envisages